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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Limor Schweitzer et al.

Application No. 09/935,130

Filed: August 21, 2001

For: DATABASE MANAGEMENT AND  
RECOVERY IN A NETWORK-BASED FILTERING  
AND AGGREGATING PLATFORM

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 2155

Attorney Docket No.: XACTP014C

Date: November 14, 2002

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

As a follow up to our previous request for a corrected filing receipt filed July 24, 2002 and requests made by USPTO administrators, enclosed is a copy of the filing receipt for the above-identified patent application along with a copy of the petition to add the inventor from the parent application that was granted April 16, 2002. See appendix A. Please reprint the filing receipt as follows and mail the corrected copy to the undersigned.

Please add "Tal Givoly, Cupertino, CA" as the third inventor.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account 50-1351 (Order No.XACTP014C).

Respectfully submitted,  
Silicon Valley IP Group, LLC

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09/935,130	08/21/2001	2155	395	XACTP014C	7	16	4

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Applicant(s)

Limor Schweitzer, Tel-Aviv, ISRAEL;  
Eran Wagner, Cupertino, CA;

*Tal Givoly, Cupertino, CA*

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

THIS APPLICATION IS A CON OF 09/442,876 11/18/1999  
WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/066,898 11/20/1997  
AND CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/109,095 11/19/1998

Foreign Applications

PCT/US98/24963 11/20/1998

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Projected Publication Date: 12/13/2001

Non-Publication Request: No

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Title

Database management and recovery in a network-based filtering and aggregating platform

Preliminary Class



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## APPENDIX A

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09/442,876	11/18/1999	LIMOR SCHWEITZER	19623-705	6498

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

This is a decision on the petition, filed 11/26/2001,  
to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48.  
The petition is granted.  
The application has been amended to add  
Tali Givoly as a newly named inventor.  
Appendix A has been canceled and will not be  
printed because it fails to meet  
\* the criteria for a proper appendix.

DAVID WILEY  
PRIMARY EXAMINER



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Practitioner's Docket No. XACTP014

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: L. Schewitzer et al.  
Application No.: 09/442,876  
Filed: 11/18/1999  
For: NETWORK ACCOUNTING AND BILLING SYSTEM AND METHOD

Group No.: 2155  
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### AMENDMENT, PETITION AND FEE TO DELETE AND/OR ADD TO ORIGINAL ERRONEOUSLY NAMED OR NOT NAMED INVENTOR(S) IN DECLARATION—NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION—(37 C.F.R. section 1.48(a))

1. This amendment and petition is to correct the incorrect original naming of inventor(s) in the declaration under 37 C.F.R. section 1.48(a) as set forth and filed on May 9, 2000.

2. Addition and/or Deletion of Inventor(s)

Add the following previously unnamed person(s) as inventor(s) of this application: Tal Givoly

3. Attachments

Attached is:

- (a) A statement from each person being added as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part. 37 C.F.R. section 1.48(a)(1).
- (b) A declaration by each of the actual inventor(s) as required by 37 C.F.R. section 1.63 (or as permitted by sections 1.42, 1.43, OR 1.47). 37 C.F.R. section 1.48(a)(2).
- (c) Written consent of the assignee. 37 C.F.R. section 1.48(a)(4).

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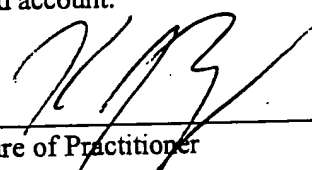
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. section 3.73(b)  
ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION

1. The assignee(s) of the entire right, title and interest hereby seek(s) to take action in the PTO in this matter.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § § 1.8(a) and 1.10\*  
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Date: November 26, 2001

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## IDENTIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE

2. Name of assignee: XACCT Technologies  
Type of assignee: Corporation

## PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

3. Name of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee: Rick Van Hoesen  
Title of person authorized to sign: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

I, the person signing below, state that I am empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

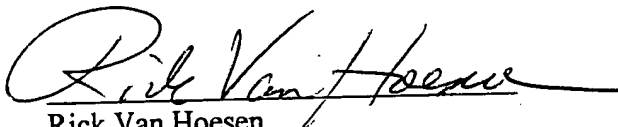
## BASIS OF ASSIGNEE'S INTEREST

Ownership by the assignee is established as follows:

A.

1. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the matter identified above, which was recorded in the PTO at Reel 010788, Frame 0023.

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Date

  
Rick Van Hoesen  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
XACCT Technologies



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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.48(A)(1)

1. My name is Limor Schweitzer. I reside at 2900 Lakeside Drive, Santa Clara, California 95054.
2. I am an inventor of the patent application entitled NETWORK ACCOUNTING AND BILLING SYSTEM AND METHOD, that was filed on November 18, 1999 under serial number 09/442,876.
3. I, the person signing below, hereby state that the error in omitting Tal Givoly as an inventor of the patent application of item 2 occurred by error, without deceptive intent.

16-Nov-2001

Date

Limor Schweitzer



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## DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.48(A)(1)

970 Terrace Dr., LOS ALTOS, CA, 94024

1. My name is Eran Wagner. I reside at 20677 Forge Way, Apt. 217, Cupertino, California 95014.
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Tal Givoly  
Tal Givoly



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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECTION  
AND/OR ADDITION OF INVENTOR(S)

Name of Assignee:

XACCT Technologies

Address of Assignee:

2900 Lakeside Drive, Suite 100  
Santa Clara, CA 95054

Assignment was recorded on May 12, 2000 at, Reel 010788 and Frame 0023.

A copy of the Recorded Assignment is attached.

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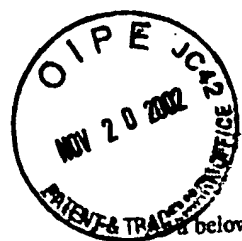
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